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**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR WASHING AND DRYING PINS
IN MICROARRAY SPOTTING INSTRUMENTS**

the specification of which (check only one):

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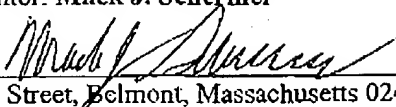
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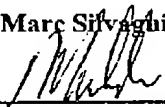
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